GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:594
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HAZIPUR-VAISHALI-SUGAULI RAIL LINE
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has cleared in principle the construction of new railway line between Hazipur-Vaishali-Sugauli;

(b) whether the proposed new railway line complete the Buddhist circuit by linking Vaishali and Kesaria;

(c) whether the proposed new line was also recommended by Tourism Department keeping in view its importance for tourism;

(d) if so, the date of commencement of construction of the new line alongwith the likely date of its completion; and

(e) the estimated cost of the construction and the sources from where funds would be mobilized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The proposed line will connect the places of Buddhist importance on Buddhist circuit.

(c): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Tourism have been approached for examining the proposal of funding the project as the same is of tourist importance.

(d): The work would be taken up after inclusion of the work in the Budget.

(e): The estimated cost of construction of the line is Rs. 324.66 cr. Ministry of Tourism and the State Government of Bihar have been requested to participate in funding for the project. Action has also been initiated for obtaining multilateral funding for the project.